

I am extremely disappointed to learn of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their local affiliates to air the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor." The idea that media outlets that use the public airwaves free of charge can engage in partisan politics has extremely disturbing implications for our democracy. Use of the media to promote a particular political viewpoint is the hallmark of repressive regimes, and something that we certainly do not want or need in the U.S. In addition, by promoting particular candidates and/or political positions, media companies create the impression of inappropriate influence. After all, if media companies help a particular candidate get elected, they have every reason to expect that that candidate will appoint friendly regulators who will put the interest of the media companies ahead of the public. Please take action to prevent this from happening.